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Van Buren Youth Fair canceled

Fair board says event not feasible under state requirements

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

HARTFORD — Ever since she was a child, Katie Klett looked forward to spending time at the Van Buren Youth Fair, either as a 4-H youth exhibitor or as an adult volunteer.

This year will be different.

Fair board members announced Thursday they are canceling the fair due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"The Van Buren Youth Fair Board of Directors has made the exceedingly difficult decision to cancel the in-person fair scheduled for July 20-25 as well as all activities scheduled at the fairgrounds through August," the Fair Board stated in a news release. "This decision has been made in the best interest for the health and safety of our Van Buren County youth exhibitors and all others who participate in our fair experience."

When Klett heard the news she cried.

"I have not missed a fair since I was 4 months old, and I am so heartbroken that the kids in our county don't get the experience this year," she said. "I especially feel for our high school seniors, who have already had so many experiences taken from them this year, and for our oldest exhibitors who have now lost their last year of showing."

Fair Board President Stephanie Zabavski said the decision to cancel the in-person fair was very difficult.

"This decision was not made without due consideration. It was a grueling and complex decision, but the only appropriate decision for the in-person 2020 fair," she said.

In determining what to do about this year's fair, the Board reviewed Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's MI Safe Start plan to re-engage Michigan's economy and the requirements necessary to host in-person events that include, but are not limited to, social distancing in buildings, barns, concessionaire and midway areas, the wearing of face masks and other restrictions.

"With these strict requirements, the Fair Board feel that it is not logistically feasible to host a fair this year," Zabavski said.

Like many 4-H families, much of Klett's life has revolved around the fair.

"My grandparents were sheep superintendents at the fair, followed by my parents, and now for the last 10 years my husband and I have filled that role," she said. "With our oldest child now showing, we are not unique in being a fourth-generation fair family. I think that really speaks volumes about the value that we place on our county fair and the importance that it holds to us as a fair community."

This year would have marked the

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Eight-year-old Audrey Klett is shown Wednesday with her beef feeder calf, Midnight, just an hour before her family found out the Van Buren Youth Fair will be canceled this year. Audrey's parents said she was looking forward to showing animals at the fair.

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BEAUTIFUL SCENERY

Don Campbell / HP staff

A cyclist rides past the stainless steel sculpture Rising Crossing Tides, by artist Richard Hunt, Thursday on the campus of the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph. Although the center is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public can still view more than 40 permanent and temporary outdoor sculptures located throughout St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

BERRIEN COUNTY

BCHD looks to hire more contact tracers

National Guard helps with mass testing in Berrien's congregant care facilities

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The Berrien County Health Department is stepping up its COVID-19 contract tracing efforts by announcing several part-time positions.

The department has several openings for both nurses and non-nurses, it announced on its Facebook page Thursday.

This comes the same week the state of Michigan announced it is expanding contact tracing efforts.

The BCHD has wanted to expand its capabilities so that its public health nurses can get back to doing their regular jobs, the Herald-Palladium reported in early May.

"It came down to needing more people as our operations ramp back up, and some of the staff that had been pulled to do contact tracing have really specialized training in delivering our other services," BCHD spokesperson Gillian Conrad said Thursday.

Contact tracers will be trained and put to work communicating with people who are close contacts of COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases about their potential exposure, according to the job description.

For detailed job descriptions and application materials, visit http://berriencounty.org/581/Employment.

Mass testing efforts

The BCHD announced in a news release Thursday that it has been working with the Michigan National Guard and Michigan State Police to conduct voluntary COVID-19 testing in the county's long-term care facilities and the Berrien County Jail.

At the jail, 95 inmates (64 percent) and 22 sheriff's office staff members chose to be tested last week. All 117 tests gathered came back negative for COVID-19, according to the release.

So far during the pandemic, 19 inmates had been tested and two of them were positive for COVID-19. Both of the inmates have been released from the jail, either being released from their out of state hold, or released on bail, and are still subject to the standard follow-up and isolation procedures,

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Whitmer plan for huge budget hole: Call the feds

By LAUREN GIBBONS
mlive.com

LANSING — The state of Michigan is looking at deep cuts to critical services like public safety and education if the federal government doesn't provide more financial assistance to balance state budgets, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the state's budget director said Thursday.

Whitmer outlined her top budget priorities two weeks after the state's top economists forecasted a multibillion-dollar hole in the state's budget for both the current and upcoming fiscal year. Those priorities included protecting funding for education, public safety, local governments, health care and infrastructure.

During a Thursday news briefing, she said she's hopeful deep cuts to K-12 schools are avoidable with help from the legislature, but reiterated several times that more federal funding and flexibility on how states can spend that money is necessary to weather the state's massive budget shortfalls.

"Michigan and states all over our country need our federal government to step up and to help our efforts," she said.

Budget Director Chris Kolb said state officials can't rely on cuts or the state's rainy day fund to solve the problem: "The fact of the matter is department budgets are already

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'This isn't about politics'

Southwest Michigan legislators oppose latest executive order

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

LANSING — Southwest Michigan lawmakers are expressing frustration with the prolonged quarantine the state has been under since the COVID-19 pandemic began three months ago.

Last week Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced she would extend the stay-home order and various restrictions that have shut down many Michigan businesses, to limit the spread of the coronavirus outbreak.

The governor signed two executive orders to continue various emergency mandates, including the stay-home order, to June 12, and Michigan's state of emergency, to June 19.

PAQUETTE

State Rep. Brad Paquette, R-Niles, said he's surprised each time the executive order is extended because he learns about it the day the previous one is set to expire.

Representing the 78th District, Paquette said it's been frustrating for him and other legislators who have been on the sidelines through the duration of this pandemic.

"I have a lot of constituents who are reaching out and have a lot of issues that are falling through the cracks. There are a lot of folks who are sitting at home and suffering," Paquette said in a phone interview Thursday. "It's been very, very frustrating these last few months as I've been on the phone with hundreds of people, hearing their stories."

Paquette said he favors a phased approach and would like to see the state reopen county-by-county. Whitmer's administration has emphasized a six-stage approach to reopen the state, with specific regions identified.

He said local authorities can help with the transition of opening this summer. Paquette gave credit to

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President Donald Trump gestures to people in the audience after an event on protecting seniors with diabetes in the Rose Garden White House Tuesday in Washington.

Trump escalates war on Twitter, social media

By ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump escalated his war on Twitter and other social media companies Thursday, signing an executive order challenging the lawsuit protections that have served as a bedrock for unfettered speech on the internet.

Announced with fanfare, the president's action yet appeared to be more about politics than substance. He aims to rally supporters after he lashed out at Twitter for applying fact checks to two of his tweets.

Trump said the fact checks were "editorial decisions" by Twitter amounting to political activism and that such actions should cost social media companies their liability protection for what is posted on their platforms.

Trump, who personally relies heavily on Twitter to verbally flog his foes, has long accused the tech giants in liberal-leaning Silicon Valley of targeting conservatives by fact-checking them or removing their posts.

"We're fed up with it," Trump said, claiming his order would uphold freedom of speech.

Technology industry groups disagreed, saying it would stifle innovation and speech on the internet. And the U.S. Chamber of Commerce objected, "Regardless of the circumstances that led up to this, this is not how public policy is made in the United States."

The executive order directs executive branch agencies to ask independent rule-making agencies including the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission to study whether they can place regulations on the companies.

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said in a statement: "This debate is an important one. The Federal Communications Commission will carefully review any petition for rulemaking filed by the Department of Commerce."

Companies like Twitter and Facebook are granted liability protection under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act because they are treated as "platforms," rather than "publishers," which can face lawsuits over content.

LOTTERIES

Thursday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
KC-2D-4H-6S-9S
Midday Daily 3
1-2-4
Midday Daily 4
8-3-8-0
Daily 3
0-5-2
Daily 4
6-5-0-4
Fantasy 5
01-13-27-32-38
Estimated jackpot
$110,000
Keno
02-08-10-11-14-16-17-20-22-24-27-29-37-42-51-56-57-59-62-64-67-73
Mega Millions jackpot
$336 million
Powerball jackpot
$125 million

Wednesday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
03-04-11-25-44
Estimated jackpot
$90,000
Cash4Life
03-36-44-53-56, Cash Ball: 4
Lotto Plus
11-19-24-26-35-41
Quick Draw Midday
04-10-12-16-17-18-19-21-27-29-34-38-39-43-45-59-60-65-71-75, BE: 59
Daily Three-Midday
4-9-0, SB: 5
Daily Three-Evening
4-5-9, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
2-0-1-0, SB: 5
Daily Four-Evening
6-3-4-4, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
01-02-06-09-11-12-15-33-40-41-42-51-55-58-59-60-63-66-72-75, BE: 51
Hoosier Lotto
03-31-32-40-43-44
Estimated jackpot
$2.2 million
Powerball
38-58-59-64-68, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 3

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-10-13-15-40
Estimated jackpot
$150,000
Pick Three-Midday
8-2-9, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
7-4-5, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
3-8-0-1, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
9-5-1-1, Fireball: 6
Lucky Day Lotto
23-26-41-44-45
Estimated jackpot
$200,000

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MSU president: Students will return for fall semester

By STEVE MAROWSKI
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EAST LANSING — Michigan State University students will return to campus for the fall 2020 semester, MSU President Samuel L. Stanley announced Wednesday.

In a message to the MSU community, Stanley said classes will begin on Sept. 2, with both in-person and online classes available for the fall semester. All in-person instruction will end Nov. 25, with remaining instruction, study sessions and final exams done remotely for the remainder of the semester, Stanley said.

Students will have the option of returning home for Thanksgiving and not returning to campus, or remaining on campus until the semester ends, Stanley said.

"This plan is designed to address epidemiologic models that suggest a potential resurgence in COVID-19 cases in December, and give students the opportunity to return to their permanent residences before peak influenza season if they choose," Stanley said.

"The driving factor behind our decisions will continue to be the health, safety and well-being of students, faculty and staff."

The fall 2020 semester will look different from any previous semester at MSU, Stanley said.

Teaching likely will include continued use of online and remote classes, while adding more hybrid classes and resuming some purely in-person options, Stanley said. Physical distancing and wearing face masks on campus, as well as strict limitations and regulations on large gatherings are being imposed, he said.

"At this point, we believe that a values-driven return is possible and can be done in a way that mitigates the risks to our community"

SAMUEL L. STANLEY
MSU President

"We can and will do this in a responsible manner that works to mitigate risk to the entire university community while preserving the high quality of an MSU education, our extension mission, our world-class research and the social interactions that make MSU special," Stanley said.

For students who choose not to return to campus, MSU plans to provide an enhanced selection of remote classes that allow them to progress toward their degree, Stanley said. There will also be a similar plan for new and current international students who might have trouble getting to campus, he said.

MSU moved classes online March 11 because of a potential coronavirus case on campus, and the university moved summer courses online and suspended some summer programs.

Last month, MSU established the COVID-19 Reopening Campus Task Force to develop and review scenarios for when and how to resume on-campus activities. Stanley said the task force met with a variety of groups and leaders across campus and completed an initial summary for his review.

Michigan State University establishes COVID-19 Reopening Campus Task Force

Work in critical areas including alterations to the academic calendar, approaches to contact tracing and testing, managing residence halls and allocating and scheduling class spaces is proceeding, Stanley said. More workgroups are being formed to address other key issues, and MSU will continue to seek input whenever possible, Stanley said.

"At this point, we believe that a values-driven return is possible and can be done in a way that mitigates the risks to our community," Stanley said.

Once the state's stay-at-home order is lifted, Stanley said MSU will not have a mass return to work and employees should remain working from home until otherwise directed by their supervisors. Units and colleges are working on individual return plans in conjunction with the task force's principles and guidelines based on job responsibilities and functions, Stanley said.

"The last three months have been unprecedented and difficult in so many ways, and for many in our community, devastating," Stanley said. "COVID-19 has disrupted and affected the lives of all of our Spartans.

"But you have stepped up, overcome difficulties and pushed not only yourselves but our entire community forward. Together, we will navigate the new challenges, and together we will find a path forward to continue our vital pioneering land-grant mission."

Mich. home improvement demands rise amid outbreak

ROYAL OAK (AP) — Michigan residents are heading to hardware stores for do-it-yourself home improvements or hiring contractors to tackle a wide range of projects they identified while spending more time at home because of the state's coronavirus restrictions.

After Michigan allowed nonessential construction to resume on May 7, home improvement professionals witnessed an increase in requests for projects including finishing a basement and building a deck. Hardware store visits for people pursuing do-it-yourself projects have also increased after the resections were lifted, the Detroit Free Press reported Thursday.

"They have lived in their house for the better part of two months, and they're noticing things," said Michael Stoskopf, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Recent projects that people have been shopping for include ideas that's long been on their to-do list or projects inspired by the coronavirus outbreak, like turning a spare room into a home office, Stoskopf explained.

Handyman Connection in Ann Arbor experienced a "screeching halt" when the state's stay-at-home order began in March, owner Joe Cox said. But since Gov. Gretchen Whitmer decided to allow nonessential construction to reopen earlier this month, Cox's phone has been ringing with project requests, mostly for new decks.

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first time the couple's oldest daughter, Audrey, could show her animals in the fair.

"Our 8-year-old daughter has two lambs and a feeder calf, and as a family we have been spending a couple hours a day working with her animals," Klett said. "Other families have multiple kids showing multiple species."

Taking part in the fair teaches children a lot about life, Klett went on to say.

"This is their first experience in entrepreneurship," she said. "They purchase their animals, track all their expenses, put in countless hours of work, and at the end of the project they work to find buyers for their animals to ensure that they earn a profit, which they then invest in next year's projects or save to pay for their first vehicle, college or trade school.

"They're also learning animal husbandry, teamwork, cooperation, how to be good sports, how to be healthy competitors, and a whole host of other extremely important life skills."

Even though she's disappointed the fair has been canceled, Klett acknowledged the decision the board made wasn't easy.

"Our fair board really did exhaust all their options before cancelling, and I know that the decision was difficult and emotional for them to make because they know how much it means to our kids and our community," she said.

A county fair of one type or another in Van Buren County can trace its beginnings back nearly 170 years. The first mention of a fair came during the summer of 1851, when the Van Buren Agricultural Society was formed, according to the release issued by the Fair Board.

During the 1940s, fair officials were faced with a similar decision to cancel the fair for a period of time when the former fairground, located in downtown Hartford, was converted into a German prisoner of war camp.

"We look forward to 2021 and the return of a deeply-rooted county tradition, the 2021 Van Buren Youth Fair," the fair board said.

In the meantime the fair board is considering whether portions of this year's fair could possibly take place online.

"The Fair Board is still researching and considering all virtual options. We will provide everyone with the information as it is available," the board stated.

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according to the news release.

The sheriff's office continues to work closely with the health department to monitor inmates at the jail for potential symptoms of COVID-19 and has received support from Spectrum Health Lakeland to conduct testing for inmates as needed.

The Michigan National Guard conducted mass testing at long-term care facilities on Thursday. The BCHD anticipates testing more than 1,300 individuals, including residents and staff members, for COVID-19.

The BCHD reported that this testing augments many weeks of prior testing that has already been conducted in a variety of settings in Berrien County, including those at highest risk for the virus.

Nicki Britten, health officer for the BCHD, said in the release that the older adults, those with underlying medical conditions, and individuals living in congregate settings are at a particular elevated risk for severe illness associated with COVID-19.

"To limit the spread of the virus to the greatest extent possible, we continue to work collaboratively with our partner agencies, especially those who serve more vulnerable residents, to ensure that infection prevention education and personal protective equipment/resources are made available, a strategy for ongoing testing is implemented, and that contact tracing and follow-up occurs for all individuals found to be positive for the virus," Britten said.

The BCHD is still encouraging anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, or shortness of breath, to seek testing.

To get a diagnostic COVID-19 test, call your doctor to arrange a test or contact a testing site: Spectrum Health Lakeland in St. Joseph, 833-559-0659; InterCare in Benton Harbor and Bangor, 855-869-6900; Rite Aid in Bridgman, www.riteaid.com; Walmart in Benton Township, www. MyQuest COVIDTest.com; Bronson Lakeview Family Care in Paw Paw, 341-7788; or Ascension Lee Medical Group in Dowagiac, 782-1500.

Pre-screening and appointments are required at all testing sites, but not all require a doctor's order.

Count update

The BCHD reported six new COVID-19 cases Thursday and 15 new recoveries.

The county now has 606 confirmed cases, with 449 recoveries.

The BCHD reported one additional COVID-19 death Thursday, bringing the total to 49. The death was that of a woman over the age of 100, who had underlying medical conditions.

With the recoveries and deaths, the county now has about 108 active COVID-19 cases, 10 less cases than on Wednesday.

The county added two presumed positive cases Thursday, bringing the total to 190.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating nine COVID-19 patients as of Thursday morning, with three of those in the intensive care unit. That's four less than were hospitalized Wednesday.

Van Buren County added three COVID-19 cases Thursday, bringing the county's total to 134. The county remains at six deaths.

Cass County added one case Thursday, bringing the county's total to 80. The county remains at two deaths.

Local COVID-19 numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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BH may amend medical marijuana ordinance again

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor commissioners will consider amending the city's medical marijuana ordinance at a special meeting at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, to remove the requirement that dispensaries be at least 500 feet from houses of worship.

The proposed amendment couldn't be put on the city commission's Monday agenda because Commissioner Duane Seats opposed it on Wednesday during the city's Personnel and Economic Development meeting, which he chairs. City commissioners require that items brought before the city commission be vetted and approved by city committees, first.

Commissioner Sharon Henderson chairs the city's Legislative Committee, which meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. She said she is willing to let the proposed amendment go through her committee and then be considered by the city commission later that evening.

At the meeting this week, several commissioners also discussed reducing the distance required between the facilities and schools, from 1,000 feet to either 200 feet or 500 feet.

City attorney Richard Racht said state law has no requirement regarding how far medical marijuana facilities need to be from places of worship. He said the state requires that they be at least 200 feet from schools, although local municipalities are allowed to make that distance greater to fit their needs. Racht said he recommends that any changes to the ordinance be retroactive to when it was first approved in December 2017.

The special use permits for Redbud Roots' proposed dispensary at 241 E. Main St. and for Justice Grown of Michigan's proposed dispensary at 200 E. Main St. have been put on hold while their administrative appeals are being heard. People have spoken against the locations at multiple meetings, saying they are within 500 feet of the Sikh Religious Society of West Michigan.

Commissioners also discussed increasing the number of medical marijuana dispensary licenses from four to six, which would allow the two applicants on the waiting list to receive licenses, along with the four already approved by the city.

"Let's spur some real economic development," said Commissioner MaryAlice Adams during the meeting, which was held virtually due to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Seats said he agrees with changing the distance restrictions, so they are in line with the state. And initially, he also agreed with expanding the number of licenses available.

"I do concur that we should help those that have helped themselves on the waiting list," he said. "... I'm willing to help anybody who is trying to help Benton Harbor grow."

Seats initially told Clerk Kimberly Thompson to put in the proposed amendment the distance changes and that the number of licenses for all medical marijuana categories be increased by two, which includes not only dispensaries, but growers, processors, secure transporters and safety compliance facilities.

Several commissioners, including Adams and Mayor Marcus Muhammad, said they were in agreement with that.

But later in the meeting, Seats said he's not in favor of increasing the number of licenses because he didn't want to let people "punk us."

"I wouldn't have even brought this tonight if I knew that these shenanigans were going to go on with people who have tried to destroy our credibility, who have threatened to sue us, and do all this kind of crap that they've been doing," he said.

Seats did not say who was threatening to sue the city.

City Manager Ellis Mitchell said he was caving in to nobody when he recommended that two more licenses be allowed for dispensaries. He said that having six instead of four dispensaries would spur economic growth and add more jobs.

"It's not to appease anyone," he said. "It's for us only."

Seats said if more licenses are allowed, then the applicants need to go through the entire process, again, to keep it fair.

Several people, including Mitchell and Racht, said it's already fair because city commissioners when through the scoring process and chose four applicants and two alternates.

Muhammad said he has no problem amending the ordinance because the ordinance is a living document, like the U.S. Constitution, which has been amended many times.

"We don't need to hold anybody up that's ready to do business," he said. "... Ultimately, we want blighted buildings to be renovated. We want them on the tax rolls. We want them generating income."

City commissioners have already amended the medical marijuana ordinance at least once. The original ordinance called for there being only two provisioning centers to dispense medical marijuana to patients. In November 2018, they approved raising the number of dispensaries to four.

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HARTFORD BUILDING COLLAPSE

Alexandra Newman / HP staff

The front of the vacant building at the corner of North Center Street and West Main Street in Hartford collapsed late Thursday afternoon. City officials reported no injuries and closed the area around the building, in case more of the building collapses. Officials said they are still investigating the cause, but suspect a leak in the roof caused the problem. The building has been vacant for many years. City officials had discussed the building's condition at a city commission meeting in November.

Michigan Secretary of State branches reopening Monday

LANSING (AP) — Michigan Secretary of State branch offices will reopen Monday by appointment only for essential transactions not available online, it was announced Thursday.

Beginning next week, all 131 branch offices in Michigan will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for transactions including driver licenses and state ID transactions that must be done in-person; title transfers; operator, commercial drivers license, chauffeur, mechanic and motorcycle testing; and seasonal commercial vehicle renewal, the announcement said.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson said that while offices were closed to the public amid the coronavirus outbreak, her staff conducted more than 3,000 emergency appointments for essential workers "and planned and implemented protocols so that we could reopen in a way that ensures the safety of employees and all Michiganders."

"Customers can be confident they'll be able to conduct their business with us safely and efficiently," Benson said in a statement.

Branch staff will follow strict health and safety protocols, including wearing masks, standing 6 feet apart, using desk shields, and continuously disinfecting shared or common surfaces. Branch doors will be locked, and each branch will have a greeter to let customers with appointments in at scheduled appointment times.

Anyone scheduling an appointment or receiving an appointment reminder will also be instructed on how to safely attend their appointment by arriving at the appointment alone; wearing a mask or homemade face covering over their mouth and nose; waiting in their vehicle or outside prior to the appointment time; and taking other precautions.

IN BRIEF

BC meeting rescheduled due to technical problems

ST. JOSEPH — Due to technical difficulties, the Berrien County Board of Commissioners virtual meeting was canceled Thursday.

All agenda items will be rescheduled for next week's meeting at 10:30 a.m. on June 4. The meeting can be watched live on the county's YouTube channel, with residents able to ask questions through YouTube's chat. Meetings are being held virtually in response to health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioners are expected to discuss how to operate Berrien Bus now that Transportation Management Inc. is ending its contract with the county on June 30.

They are also expected to consider extending the county state of emergency through June 19 and the posting of Mayflower Road in Bertrand Township as "No Thru Trucks" to the county line with Indiana to minimize deterioration of the road.

Road work slated for M-40 through the summer

ALLEGAN — Work is expected to begin next week on resurfacing of a 7.5-mile stretch of M-40 Highway in portions of Van Buren and Allegan counties.

Michigan Department of Transportation says the $1.6 million project will stretch from Baseline Road near Gobles north to M-89 Highway in Allegan.

Lane closures will occur throughout the project with temporary signaling for both directions of traffic sharing one lane.

The resurfacing project is expected to be finished by Sept. 25.

Community rallies around man with locked-in syndrome

Fundraiser for Alan Quinn deemed a success

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Even though the coronavirus pandemic has forced many people indoors because of stay-at-home orders, it didn't stop South Haven area residents from helping the family of a 34-year-old South Haven man recently stricken with a rare medical condition after suffering a debilitating stroke.

This past Saturday people cleaned out their garages and basements of bottles and cans and donated them to the Sons of the American Legion, who will in turn donate the proceeds to help the family of Alan Quinn.

In January, Quinn, a U.S. military veteran who worked as a security guard at Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, suffered a massive brain stem stroke that left him with a rare neurological disorder called locked-in syndrome. The disorder results in complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles except for the ones that control the movement of the eyes. Individuals with the syndrome are conscious and awake but have no ability to produce movements (outside of eye movements) or to speak. It is caused by damage to the pons – a part of the brainstem that contains nerve fibers that relay information to other areas of the brain.

The stroke and ensuing medical condition devastated Quinn's wife Catina, their five children and other family members and friends, who started a Go Fund Me page that to date has raised more then $25,000. But medical expenses and other associated costs continue as Quinn remains hospitalized, which is why the Sons of the Legion conducted the fundraiser.

It ended up being a successful event, partly due to people not being able to take their bottles and cans back to stores for refunds during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Thanks to area residents, this endeavor was a success," said Steve Hamilton, squadron historian for the Sons of the American Legion. "Although it's only a guess by the volunteers, our best estimate is that between $4,000 and $4,500 in returnables were dropped off, as well as an additional $1,550 in cash donations."

What's even better news, according to Hamilton, is that Quinn is showing signs of progress.

When he first suffered the stroke, he was taken to Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo. He then transferred to Chicago's Shirley Ryan AbilityLab – a nationally ranked physical medicine and rehabilitation research hospital, which has worked with patients who have locked-in syndrome. He now is receiving further treatment at a rehabilitation hospital in Grand Rapids.

"We learned that Alan is improving beyond anything his doctors predicted," Hamilton said. "We were told Alan is regaining mobility and is even able to walk short distances with the aid of a walker. This young man (who served in Iraq) is a warrior and with his determination, the love of family and friends, along with the prayers and kindness of strangers, it is our hope that Alan will make a full recovery."

Minn. officer accused in Floyd's death opened fire on 2 people

By TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press

A white Minneapolis police officer who knelt on George Floyd's neck opened fire on two people during his 19-year career and had nearly 20 complaints and two letters of reprimand filed against him.

Derek Chauvin, 44, became the focus of street protests and a federal investigation after he was seen in cellphone video kneeling on the neck of Floyd, a 46-year-old a black man, for almost eight minutes Monday night during his arrest on a suspicion of passing a counterfeit bill. Floyd, who was handcuffed and heard saying he couldn't breathe, was pronounced dead later that night.

Minneapolis City Council records show that Chauvin was among a group of six officers who opened fire on a stabbing suspect in 2006 after a chase that ended when the suspect pointed a sawed-off shotgun at them. The suspect, Wayne Reyes, was hit multiple times and died. A grand jury decided the use of force was justified.

Two years later, Chauvin shot Ira Latrell Toles as he was responding to a domestic dispute.

According to a Pioneer Press account of the incident, a 911 operator received a call from an apartment and heard a woman yelling for someone to stop hitting her. Chauvin and another officer arrived just as Toles locked himself in the bathroom. Chauvin forced his way into the bathroom. Toles went for Chauvin's gun and Chauvin shot him twice in the stomach. Toles survived and was charged with two counts of felony obstruction.

Michigan man seriously hurt when small plane crashes in Ohio

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio (AP) — A Michigan man was seriously injured when the small plane he was piloting crashed in Ohio, authorities said.

Paul Emaus, 54, of Hudsonville, was alone in the Beechcraft-35-A33 when it went down around 3 p.m. Wednesday in a field near Route 40 in Cambridge. Emaus had to be extricated from the aircraft and was being treated at a hospital for serious head injuries.

Witnesses said the single-engine plane was flying low and the engine was making a sputtering noise shortly before the crash occurred in the Guernsey County community. No one on the ground was injured in the incident, authorities said. Emaus had departed from Columbus, but it wasn't clear where he was headed.

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skinny, and there's simply no way to cut our way out of this."

It's unclear what the administration's plans are should federal lawmakers opt not to provide additional funding to states. Asked several questions about how the state would handle it, Whitmer repeated her call for federal action, adding she's heard there could be Congressional movement in the next couple of weeks.

"The ball is in the court of the United States Senate," Whitmer said. "Until they act, it's still going to be dicey."

Legislative Republicans weren't reassured by the Whitmer administration's message. In a joint statement, House and Senate Appropriations Chairs Shane Hernandez, R-Port Huron, and Jim Stamas, R-Midland, said lawmakers need specific details from the governor's office on her plans to resolve the budget crisis.

"Waiting on a Hail Mary from Congress is not a plan," Stamas said.

At least a handful of lawmakers have already expressed opposition to additional federal funding for states. A resolution introduced in the Michigan House with 10 cosponsors this week urges Congress not to bail states out. That resolution was referred to the House Government Operations Committee.

An additional complication in what will already be a very complicated budget cycle: a new law agreed to by Whitmer and the Republican-led legislature requires lawmakers to deliver a budget to Whitmer's desk by July 1. The state's current fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

Kolb said the lack of clarity about incoming state revenue and information from the federal government could throw a wrench in adhering to that law.

"The budget timeline is going to have to be different," he said.

At the state's semi-annual Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference – where the state treasurer, budget director and legislative analysts agree to revenue projections that inform the state budget process – officials concluded the state is down about $3.2 billion in tax revenue this fiscal year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The losses won't stop in the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30 – another $3 billion decrease in tax revenue was projected for fiscal year 2021. The group is expected to meet a third time later this year to incorporate additional tax information into the projections, as individuals and businesses were given more time to file this year.

All major tax revenues have trended downward since the coronavirus was first detected in Michigan, but the biggest hits to the budget are sharp declines in both the sales tax and income tax as more people are filing for unemployment and spending less money. Because the state has a balanced budget requirement, the news could mean steep cuts in funding for schools, local governments, roads and more.

At least 31,000 state of Michigan employees are subject to layoff days each pay period starting next week for a savings of $30 million. From May 17 through July 25, most impacted employees will take two unpaid days off each pay period. High-level managers will take one layoff day every other pay period, equating to roughly a 5 percent pay cut.

The state previously laid off more than 2,900 employees for two weeks to save the state $5 million as budget pressures continue, and the Secretary of State extended layoffs for people who work in the department's currently shuttered branch offices another week beyond that.

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the Berrien County Health Department in keeping people updated with a "finger on the pulse."

"Many people are simply going to Indiana and small businesses are really hurting right now," he said. "The biggest thing businesses in the state need is a timeline in which they can prepare to reopen. When I have business owners calling me each week, I have nothing new to offer them other than to watch the governor's updates."

State Sen. Kim LaSata, R-Bainbridge Township, released a statement to The Herald-Palladium citing her disappointment with the governor. In her statement, offered in lieu of live comments, LaSata said Whitmer is acting "outside the law" by extending the order into June.

LaSATA

"As health care experts have said, and I agree, COVID-19 is going to be an issue for the foreseeable future. We have to be able to trust people and businesses to be safe and smart and to get back to living their lives," LaSata's statement read. "With each passing day, more jobs are lost, and businesses are being closed because of the extended shutdown – some have gone over two months without a paycheck through no fault of their own. Meanwhile, others are resorting to driving to Indiana for goods and services, even to get a simple haircut, for example.

"This isn't about politics – it is about people's lives and their livelihoods. We must be able to trust one another to be smart, be safe and get back to living."

LaSata – who represents the 21st District – made headlines when she was quoted in a Michigan Advance article regarding the issue of whether to lift pandemic restrictions on a regional basis.

During a state Joint Select Committee meeting last week, LaSata argued that areas outside of Southeast Michigan – the state's hardest hit region – should reopen.

"This pandemic is not only killing people, the disease isn't killing them, you know not letting them get back to work, and work safely, is killing them. I know specifically two individuals who have died from suicide. I am tired. … I am not Detroit," LaSata said.

The comment came during the committee's questioning of the director of Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, in which questions were centered around unemployment, regulations and business requirements.

State Sen. Adam Hollier, D-Detroit, referred to LaSata's comments as offensive.

Rep. Pauline Wendzel, R-Watervliet, who represents the 79th District, also sent a statement to The HP (after turning down an interview request) about a need for "checks and balances."

"Our citizens deserve a seat at the table while decisions are being made that affect their livelihoods through their local representatives," Wendzel's statement read. "This one-size-fits-all approach still doesn't have an end in sight. In Berrien County, we've flattened the curve, we have ample hospital capacity, and our testing continues to increase. Meanwhile, Indiana has opened up and our residents are flocking across state lines to visit restaurants, barbers, and malls. Michiganders are and will continue to spend their money in other states while our small businesses remain locked down."

WENDZEL

While there seems to be a major divide among political parties when it comes to reopening the state, Paquette said all legislators are in agreement that they are trying to do the job they were elected to do.

"We need to be able to have conversations with people. I didn't get into this job to be a Republican or be political," he said. "I got into this job to show love to others. I think hearing diverse opinions is of vital importance. I know a lot of young people are watching so they need to be able to see healthy discourse."

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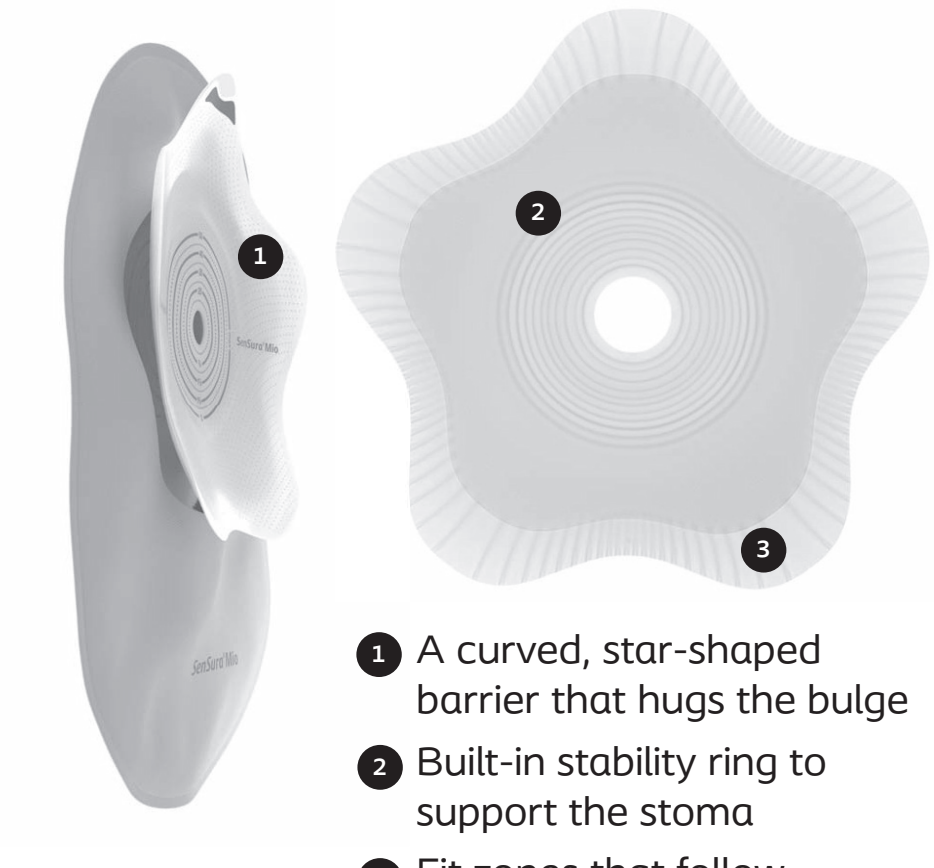

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THE HERALD-PALLADIUM 2020 SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

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Bridgman's Mikaela Owen has been named The Herald Palladium 2020 Senior Female Athlete of the Year.

Being her best when she can't

Pandemic strikes out chance for HP Senior Female Athlete of the Year to repeat as state track champion

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

The cancellation of high school spring sports due to the coronavirus was tough on all prep athletes, especially seniors like Bridgman's Mikaela Owen.

Owen, a returning Division 4 state track champion and all-state second team girls soccer player, was unable to compete this spring.

"It was devastating," Owen recalled when learning of the spring sports shutdown. "I and my teammates were so looking forward to competing."

Despite the disappointment, and based on her overall career accomplishments, Owen today was named recipient of The Herald-Palladium's Senior Female Athlete of the Year award.

"What an honor it has been to represent my school and community these past four years, but this (award) tops it off," said Owen, the first Bridgman girl to ever win the award in its 37-year history.

Owen earned 12 varsity letters for the Bees including four in cross country, three each in soccer plus track and field, and one apiece in basketball and football, where she kicked extra points and handled kickoffs her sophomore year.

"Mikaela is just an outstanding person who put on quite a show at the state track meet her junior year," said Bridgman track coach John Carr. "She's a very hard worker managing the rigors of two sports (soccer and track) in the same season."

She will attend Wayne State University on partial athletic and academic scholarships. The honor roll student carries a 4.17 weighted grade point average and plans on majoring in accounting with hopes of becoming an accountant for a major corporation or firm.

This past fall she was a scoring member of the Bees' girls state championship cross country team.

Her junior year, Owen was a state champion in the Division 4 girls 100- and 200-meter dashes, and runner-up in the 400 dash and long jump. In soccer she earned second team all-state honors.

As a soccer player, "... she was our leading scorer with her breakaway speed, but was missing out on many scoring chances," recalled coach Ken Foxworthy. "She came to me asking what she could do to help the team more and she became our spin back on defense. Opposing teams could not get past her."

Owen earned a plethora of all-conference honors throughout her career.

She is the daughter of Brad and Molly Owen, and granddaughter of Gary Owen, retired Bridgman coach.

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Boras to clients in memo: Don't bail out MLB owners

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Agent Scott Boras recommends his clients refuse Major League Baseball's attempt to cut salaries during negotiations with the players' association, claiming team financial issues caused by the coronavirus pandemic have their origin in management debt financing.

In an email obtained by The Associated Press, Boras wrote that players should not alter terms of the March 26 agreement between MLB and the union that called for players to reduce their salaries to a prorated rate based on a shortened season. MLB on Tuesday proposed a series of tiered reductions that would cause top stars to receive the biggest cuts.

"Remember, games cannot be played without you," Boras wrote. "Players should not agree to further pay cuts to bail out the owners. Let owners take some of their record revenues and profits from the past several years and pay you the prorated salaries you agreed to accept or let them borrow against the asset values they created from the use of those profits players generated."

Boras is baseball's best-known agent and represented 71 players on active rosters and injured lists as of Aug. 31, the most among player representative firms. His Newport Beach, California-based company negotiated more than $1.2 billion in contracts during the offseason.

Salaries were set to range from $563,500 for players at the major league minimum to $36 million for Mike Trout and Gerrit Cole, the latter a Boras client. Under the March agreement, the range would be cut to roughly $285,000 to $18 million for the 82-game regular season MLB has proposed. Under the economic proposal made by MLB this week, the range would be reduced to about $262,000 to $8 million, including shares of a bonus all players would receive if the postseason is played.

"Owners are asking for more salary cuts to bail them out of the investment decisions they have made," Boras said. "If this was just about baseball, playing games would give the owners enough money to pay the players their full prorated salaries and run the baseball organization. The owners' current problem is a result of the money they borrowed when they purchased their franchises, renovated their stadiums or developed land around their ballparks. This type of financing is allowed and encouraged by MLB because it has resulted in significant franchise valuations."

"Owners now want players to take additional pay cuts to help them pay these loans. They want a bailout," he added. "They are not offering players a share of the stadiums, ballpark villages or the club itself, even though salary reductions would help owners pay for these valuable franchise assets. These billionaires want the money for free. No bank would do that. Banks demand loans be repaid with interest. Players should be entitled to the same respect."

Commissioner Rob Manfred has said 40 percent of MLB's revenue is related to the gate. Teams told the union on May 12 that MLB would lose $640,000 for each game played in empty ballparks without fans. MLB claimed that playing with prorated salaries in empty ballparks would cause a $4 billion loss and give major league players 89 percent of revenue.

Washington pitcher Max Scherzer, among three Boras clients on the union's eight-man executive subcommittee, issued a statement late Wednesday night saying "there's no need to engage with MLB in any further compensation reductions."

Boras cited the purchase of the Chicago Cubs by the Ricketts family and the redevelopment of Wrigley Field. Debt financing was key to both, he said.

"Throughout this process, they will be able to claim that they never had any profits because those profits went to pay off their loans," he wrote. "However, the end result is that the Ricketts will own improved assets that significantly increases the value of the Cubs – value that is not shared with the players."

Boras asked clients to "please share this concept with your teammates and fellow players when MLB request further concessions or deferral of salaries."

"Make no mistake, owners have chosen to take on these loans because, in normal times, it is a smart financial decision," Boras wrote. "But, these unnecessary choices have now put them in a challenging spot. Players should stand strong because players are not the ones who advised owners to borrow money to purchase their franchises and players are not the ones who have benefited from the recent record revenues and profits."

He added salaries have been flat for several years. The opening day average has been in the $4.4 million rang e since 2016.

Cincinnati pitcher Trevor Bauer addressed Boras on Wednesday on Twitter.

"Hearing a LOT of rumors about a certain player agent meddling in MLBPA affairs," Bauer tweeted. "If true – and at this point, these are only rumors – I have one thing to say ... Scott Boras, rep your clients however you want to, but keep your damn personal agenda out of union business."

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FRIDAY, MAY 29

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Sit tight and gather information. Your memory won't let you down, and should prove crucial when it comes time to decipher someone's motives. Don't act in anger.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change to the way you deal with family matters will help you solve pending problems. Speak from the heart to encourage others to see things your way.

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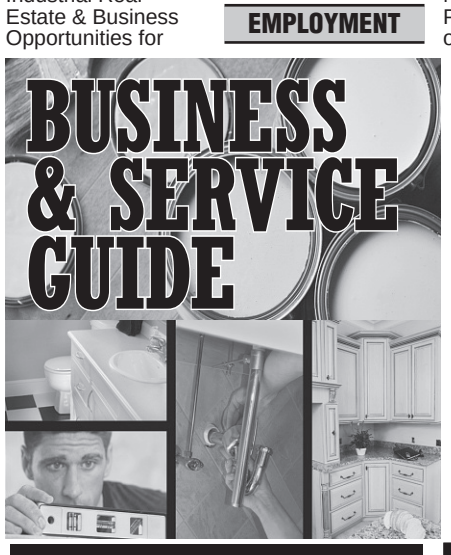

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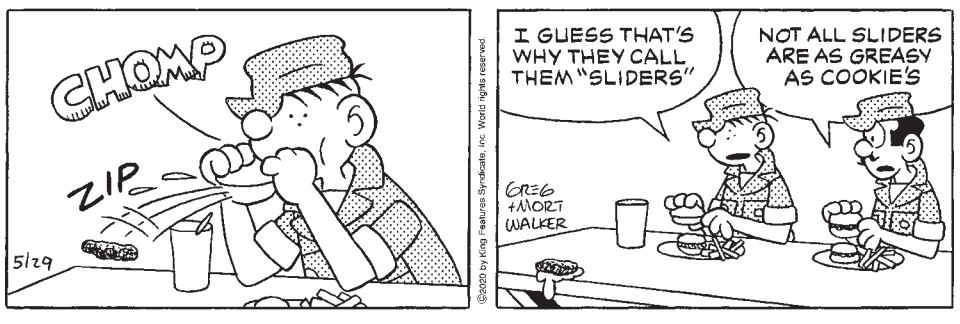
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I GUESS THAT'S WHY THEY CALL THEM "SLIDERS"
NOT ALL SLIDERS ARE AS GREASY AS COOKIE'S
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I NOTICE YOU'RE STILL SOCIAL DISTANCING
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YEAH, HOW D'YA THINK I MADE IT TO 30 YEARS WITH THIS LUG?
WHO'S A LUG?!
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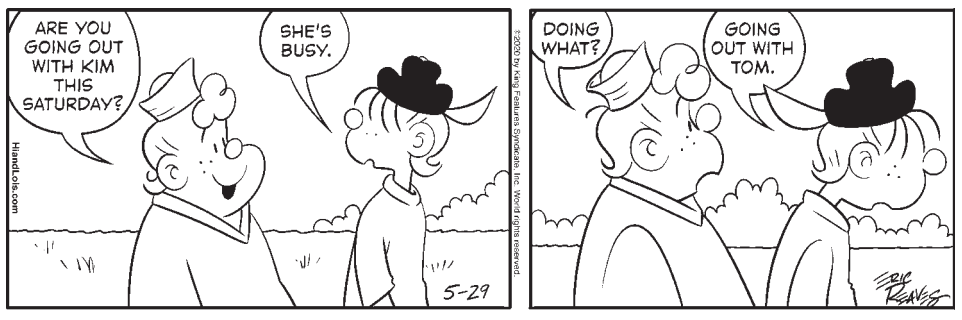

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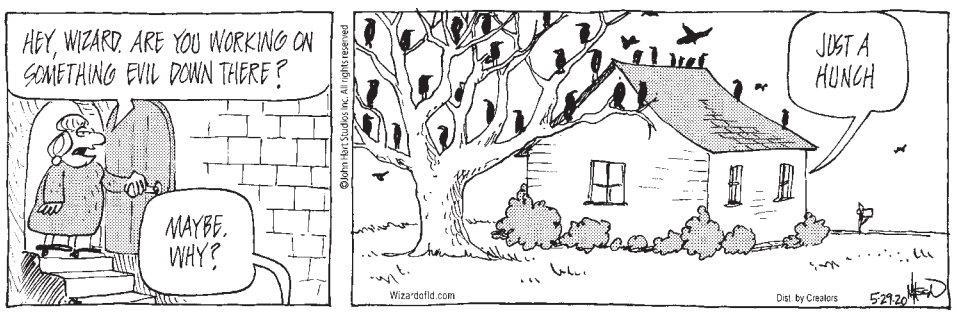

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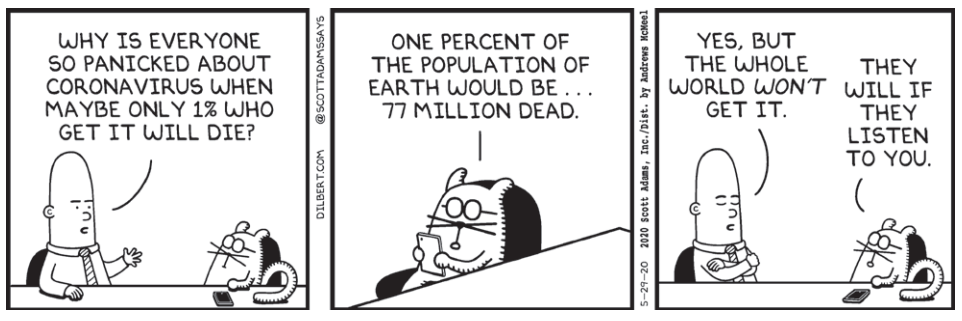
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LIZ, I HAVE WRITTEN A POEM FOR YOU
"FIFTY POUNDS OF BACON"?
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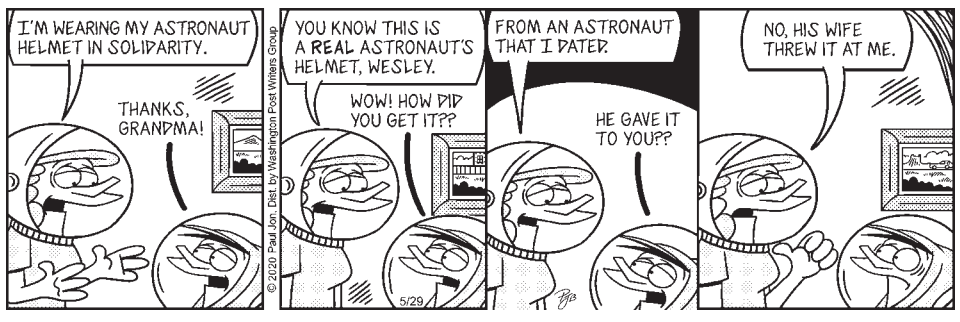
I'M WEARING MY ASTRONAUT HELMET IN SOLIDARITY.
THANKS, GRANDMA!
YOU KNOW THIS IS A REAL ASTRONAUT'S HELMET, WESLEY.
WOW! HOW DID YOU GET IT??
FROM AN ASTRONAUT THAT I DATED.
HE GAVE IT TO YOU??
NO, HIS WIFE THREW IT AT ME.
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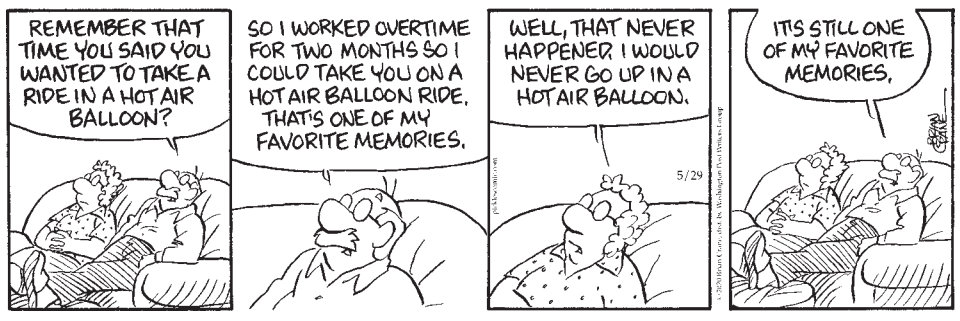
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SO I WORKED OVERTIME FOR TWO MONTHS SO I COULD TAKE YOU ON A HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE. THAT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES.
WELL, THAT NEVER HAPPENED. I WOULD NEVER GO UP IN A HOT AIR BALLOON.
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IT'S STILL ONE OF MY FAVORITE MEMORIES.
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BABY BLUES

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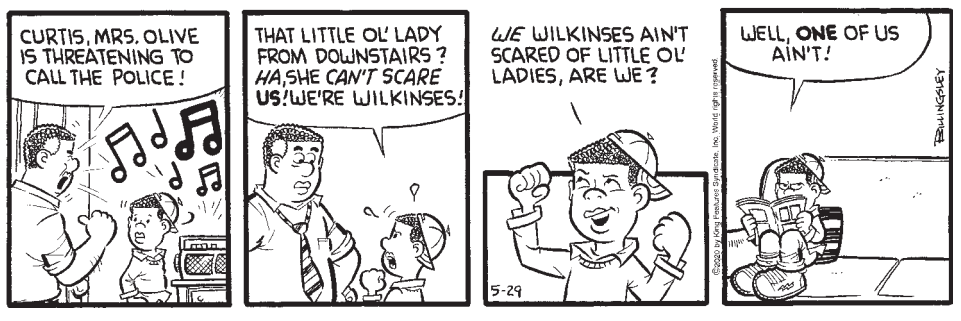
CURTIS, MRS. OLIVE IS THREATENING TO CALL THE POLICE!
THAT LITTLE OL' LADY FROM DOWNSTAIRS? HA, SHE CAN'T SCARE US! WE'RE WILKINSES!
WE WILKINSES AIN'T SCARED OF LITTLE OL' LADIES, ARE WE?
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WELL, ONE OF US AIN'T!
BRIAN WILKINSEY
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JEREMY REALLY GOT ME THINKING.
A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE MULTIPLE CAREERS, BUT BEING AN ORTHODONTIST IS ALL I'VE EVER DONE.
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IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU TO BECOME A COWBOY, WALT.
HOW ABOUT A COWBOY DENTIST?
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOM AND DAD ARE HOLDING HANDS AT THE KITCHEN TABLE.
THAT'S SO ROMANTIC!
IF YOU SAY SO
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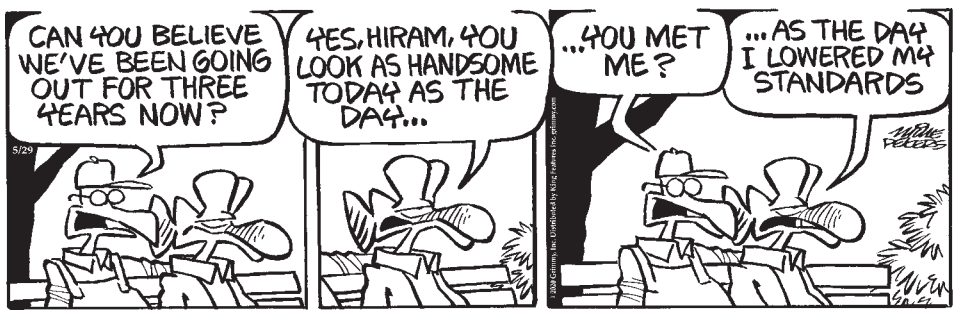
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


CAN YOU BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT FOR THREE YEARS NOW?
YES, HIRAM, YOU LOOK AS HANDSOME TODAY AS THE DAY...
...YOU MET ME?
...AS THE DAY I LOWERED MY STANDARDS
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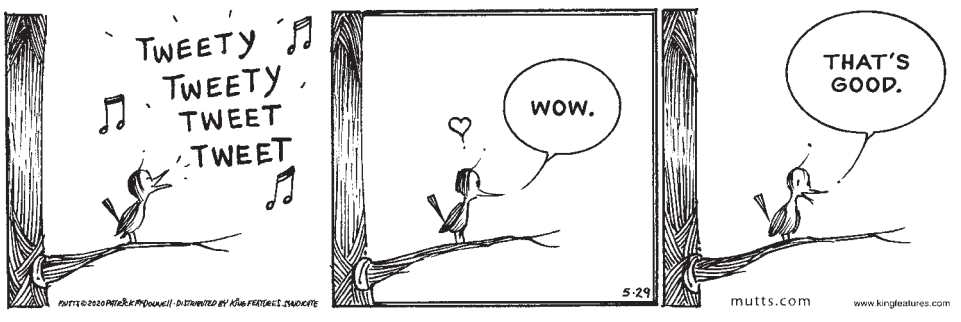

SALLY FORTH

THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF SUMMER STAYCATIONS
#5: DO ENJOY A DAY OF LUXURY
OF COURSE, WHATEVER PICTURE OF ELEGANCE AND REFINEMENT WE HOPED TO ACHIEVE HAS BEEN UNDONE BY ALL THE CHEETOS DUST ON OUR BATHROBES.
LISTEN, I'M PROBABLY GOING TO BELCH NOW, SO TRY TO REMEMBER ME FROM OUR WONDERFUL BUBBLE BATH TOGETHER EARLIER INSTEAD.
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DENNIS THE MENACE

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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING MAY 29

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (13) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver "Lidar & Rogues & Duty"		Magnum P.I. "Honor Among Thieves"		Blue Bloods "The First 100 Days"	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Ac. Hollywood	World of Dance "The Qualifiers 1" CC		To Be Announced		Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX (17) (222) (28) (32)	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Overheard	Washington Week	Change Your Brain, Heal Your Mind With Daniel Amen, MD CC				The Longevity
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Allegiance"		CSI: Miami "Spring Breakdown" CC		CSI: Miami "Backfire" CC	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Fool's Gold" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 06.07.19" CC			
AMC	:00 ★★★ Tombstone ('93) Kurt Russell. Doc Holliday joins Wyatt Earp for the OK Corral showdown.					Friday Night In	U.S. Marshals
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-eaters (N)				River Monsters	
BET	★★ The Best Man Holiday			★★ Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins			
Big Ten	B1G	Ohio State		Big Ten	BTN Football in 60		Journey
Bravo	:00 Below Deck	Below Deck "Shame Cocoon" CC		Below Deck "Au Revoir!" CC		★★★ Easy A ('10) Emma Stone.	
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Rick	Burgers
Cinemax	6:20 Cursed	★★ Shallow Hal ('01, Romance-Comedy) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black. CC				9:55 ★ Tomcats ('01) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Special	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	Key	Key	Key	Key	Kevin Hart: Laugh	
Discovery	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold (N) CC		:03 All on the Line (N) CC		:06 Gold Rush: Dave Turin's Lost Mine (N)	
Disney	Jessie	★★ 16 Wishes ('10) CC			Raven	Gabby	Gabby
DIY	Beach	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	Coyote	:15 ★ Coyote Ugly ('00) Piper Perabo. CC					It's Com
ESPN	:00 E:60	Movie					
ESPN2	Studio	Top Rank Box		Top Rank Box		Top Rank Box	
ESPNC	6:00 MLB Baseball			Classic-Boxing		Boxing	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Poker	MLB Baseball From Turner Field in Atlanta. (N)					
Freefrm	★ Grown Ups ('10)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	Spider-Man 2	★★★ Spider-Man: Homecoming ('17, Action) Tom Holland. Peter Parker harnesses his new powers to battle the Vulture. CC					
Golf	:00 2000 Golf Skills Challenge (Taped) CC						
Hallmark	Sweetest Heart	Merry & Bright ('19, Romance) Jodie Sweetin, Andrew Walker, Nancy Sorel. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:00 ★★ It: Chapter Two ('19, Horror) Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader. CC					Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	The Se	The Secret of Skin		The Secret of Skin		The Secret of Skin	
HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream	Lottery Dream Home		Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				90 Day Fiancé	
Lifetime	Knocked Up ('07)	★★★ The 40-Year-Old Virgin ('05) Steve Carell, Paul Rudd. (P). CC				:03 ★★ Miss Congeniality ('00)	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	★★★ Mean Girls ('04) Lindsay Lohan. CC					Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	White Sox Rewind Game 4. (N)					Classics
NFL	NFL Total	Move the Sticks		NFL Total Access		Around the NFL	
Nick	Cloudy With Meatballs			Group	All That	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Lockup	Lockup: Boston		Lockup Orange		Lockup: Tulsa	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) CC		Snapped "Eve Nance" CC		Snapped "Martha Ann McClancy"	
Parmt	★★ Four Brothers ('05) Mark Wahlberg. CC					Independence Day	
Showtime	6:55 ★★★★ Almost Famous ('00) Billy Crudup. CC			Jesus Trejo: Stay at Home Son (N) CC		:05 Boxing CC	
Starz	5:56 Hellboy	★★★ Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood ('19, Comedy-Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt. CC					:44 Hightown
STZENC	★★ Bad Teacher	★★★ The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo ('11, Suspense) Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara. CC					:41 Superfly
SyFy	6:00 ★★ The Hitman's Bodyguard	★★★ Wanted ('08) James McAvoy. An office drone becomes part of a secret society of assassins.					
TBS	:00 ★★ Pain & Gain ('13) Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson. CC (DVS)				:45 ★★ Rampage ('18) Dwayne Johnson. (P).		
TCM	Bride-C.O.D.	★★★ Pickup on South Street ('53) Richard Widmark.			★★★ Three Coins in the Fountain ('54) Clifton Webb. CC		
TMC	Bridget Jones	★★ Poetic Justice ('93) Janet Jackson, Tupac Shakur, Regina King. CC				★★★ Superbad ('07) Jonah Hill.	
TNT	Fast Furi	★★★ Transformers ('07, Action) Shia LaBeouf. CC (DVS)					
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca.	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	6:30 ★★ Fifty Shades Darker ('17) Dakota Johnson.			★ Fifty Shades Freed ('18, Romance) Dakota Johnson. (P). CC (DVS)			
VH1	Diary	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC			Beauti	Beauti	Diary
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Passing gas is a fact of life

DEAR DOCTOR: I'm 102 years old and a World War II veteran. My problem is that I pass a lot of gas. Several days ago, I had an apple and a small piece of sweet potato, and I stunk up the whole house. I had to open all of the windows and doors. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: We do have some thoughts on your issue, but first we want to congratulate you on a long life. Our readers often include their age in their letters, and you have surpassed them all by several years.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Internal gas is a fact of life. Whether it's emitted through the mouth as a burp or through the anus as flatulence, it's actually a sign the body is functioning properly. Gas can accumulate as a result of air ingested while eating, drinking, speaking or swallowing. It's also a byproduct of digestion, during which gut bacteria help break down food and emit a range of gases as they work. Most flatulence is made up of carbon dioxide, methane and hydrogen, which are essentially odorless. A small percentage of passed gas includes hydrogen sulfide, which has a powerful odor. Believe it or not, we humans pass gas from one dozen to two dozen times per day.

When excessive gas is accompanied by additional symptoms such as bloating, abdominal pain, loose stool or diarrhea, poor appetite, nausea and unexplained weight loss, it can signify the presence of underlying intestinal issues. These can include irritable bowel syndrome, inflammatory bowel disease, celiac disease, Crohn's disease or small-intestinal bacterial overgrowth.

If you do have these additional symptoms, be sure to let your doctor know.

Another factor in excessive gas is a person's age. Due to ongoing changes in our bodies as we grow older, our digestive systems become less efficient at processing the food we eat. Some people may even develop lactose or fructose intolerance.

One approach to the problem is to identify the specific food triggers. You can do this by eliminating all suspected foods from your diet, then gradually reintroducing them one by one. Common culprits include high-fiber foods, certain fruits, cruciferous vegetables, beans and items with the artificial sweetener sorbitol. Keep track of symptoms, and you'll be able to identify not only the specific foods that lead to excess gas, but also the serving size at which it becomes a problem.

You have several options to manage flatulence. Some people swear by probiotic foods and supplements, which can balance the gut. Your health care provider can help you decide if this is an option for you and advise you on specifics. Over-the-counter anti-gas preparations, such as Beano, or those that contain simethicone (Mylanta II, Maalox II) or bismuth (Pepto-Bismol) can reduce gas. Taking Lactaid, an enzyme supplement, helps people who have trouble with milk products.

And take a look at your prescription medications. Blood pressure drugs, narcotics and allergy meds can slow digestion and are associated with excess gas. Always check with your doctor before making any changes to medications.

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Social distancing may offend the in-laws

DEAR CAROLYN: My snowbird in-laws will soon return from Florida to their home in the Mid-Atlantic, where my partner and I live. Despite being well-informed people, they've ignored most news about the coronavirus, downplayed the risk and continued their highly social lives, which they insist is safe since they gather in groups of 10 or fewer.

Carolyn Hax

My partner and I have taken great effort to limit any contact with others.

When my in-laws arrive in town, I know they'll want to resume their pre-coronavirus lives, which includes weekly dinners with us. As long as they keep up their risky habits, I'd like to limit contact with them, but I am unsure how my partner and I can keep our distance without offending them. Help! – Healthy (for now)

HEALTHY (FOR NOW): You're avoiding contagion, not avoiding your in-laws.

Therefore, you are not giving offense.

If they choose to *take* offense, then that's their decision.

It may feel more complicated, but it's not. If the only way they won't be offended is for you to resume your weekly dinners, then you have only two choices: risk contagion or risk unintended offense. That's it.

I realize this simplicity will be sorely tested as states ease restrictions and leave more people to make their own risk calculations. But it's still there at the foundation of every decision: You're weighing the health risk, not flipping your loved ones the bird. As always, they will be at liberty to believe it's the latter if they want to – so all you can do is hold kindly to your principles and hope others understand.

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband of 10 years is kind, loving, generous and mostly supportive. I was recently hospitalized for surgery – not life-threatening, but I spent the night there. My husband was at the hospital with me for maybe an hour over two days. He basically carried out his normal routine, and I was there alone. The hospital is so close to our house, he could have walked.

He told me he "doesn't like hospitals" and thought I was in good hands. I heard, "I don't care enough about you to be your advocate and ensure you get the care you need."

As we get older, I will support him and be there for him. We are both in our early 60s. I worry he won't be there for me. Is this a showstopper? – Don't Want to Die Alone

DON'T WANT TO DIE ALONE: If you said, "Please spend time with me, I don't want to be alone," and his answer was, "No, I don't like hospitals," then you know – he prioritizes his own feelings over yours. That would reasonably stop some shows.

If instead you assumed all hospital patients want company and assumed he knew that, then it's time to stop assuming. "I should have been clear" is a good opener. Mention the importance of advocacy, and: "I don't want to be alone." Return that favor, too, by asking – then providing – what he'd want from you. Not what you'd want in his place.

That, after all, was his true mistake – not thinking hard enough about your needs to distinguish them from his own. That hurts, yes.

But if every flawed partner were a hopeless one, then we'd all be in post-op alone. Make your case and see what he says.

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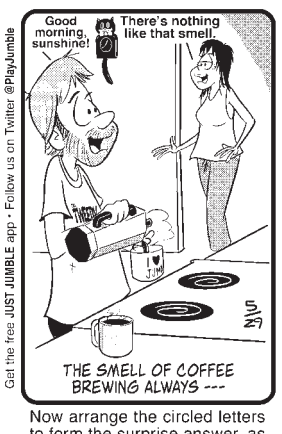
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PLEEO

NHPCU

PODYOR

KMEERA



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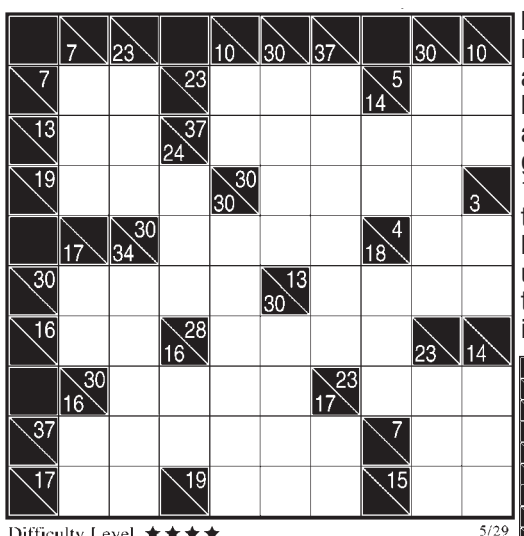
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

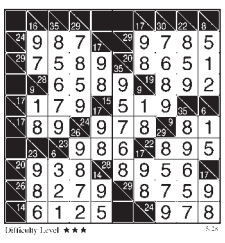
Yesterday's Jumbles: CYNIC LOWLY GRAVEL BEHOLD
Answer: The company specialized in drilling for water, oil and natural gas and was — DOING WELL

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/29

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Harold Macmillan, who was the British prime minister for nearly seven years, said, "I am MacWonder one moment and MacBlunder the next."

Defenders or declarer may feel that way during a deal. Someone makes a wonderful play one moment, but then takes his eyes off the cards and blunders, letting a contract make or break when it should have been defeated or made.

Today's deal was spotted by Steve Conrad of Manhasset, Long Island, during a club duplicate. South was in four spades. After West led the club king, what should have happened?

In the auction, North's three clubs was a double negative, indicating 0-3 points. Then, after South showed his second suit, North raised to four spades, glad to have respectable support.

As you can see, the defenders can take one spade, one diamond and two clubs. But they have to be on their toes.

After West led the club king, East signaled enthusiastically with his nine. West continued with the club queen and, when he held that trick too, led another club. However, South ruffed and played three rounds of trumps. East took the last and shifted to the diamond king, but it was too late. Declarer won with his ace and ran the hearts, discarding dummy's remaining diamond. Who was at fault?

At trick two, West should have led his club jack, not the queen. His king lead marked him with the queen, but East could not be sure about the jack. If West had done that at trick two, East surely would have overtaken with his ace and switched to the diamond king, defeating the contract.

North 05-29-20
♠ J 8 6 5 3
♥ 10 6 4
♦ 10 3
♣ 8 6 2

West
♠ 4
♥ 9 5 2
♦ J 9 6 5 2
♣ K Q J 3

East
♠ Q 10 9
♥ 8 3
♦ K Q 8 4
♣ A 9 5 4

South
♠ A K 7 2
♥ A K Q J 7
♦ A 7
♣ 10 7

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

		6		2	7		9	
8				9			4	
5				1	8			
		9	2			8	7	
		3		8		1		
	8	5			6	4		
			7	4				2
	5			6				4
	4		9	5		7		

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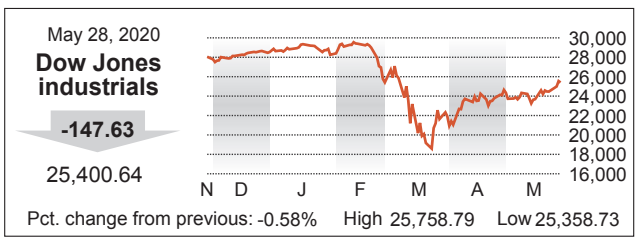
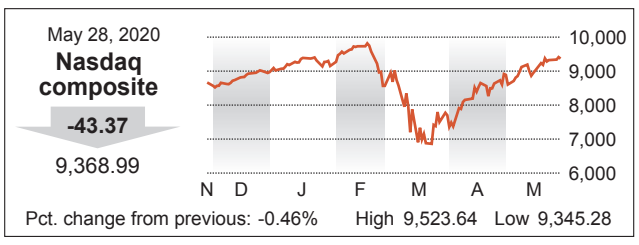
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	9	4	5	1	2	8	7	6
6	2	1	3	8	7	9	4	5
8	5	7	9	4	6	1	2	3
5	6	9	7	3	1	2	8	4
2	7	8	6	5	4	3	1	9
1	4	3	8	2	9	6	5	7
4	1	5	2	6	3	7	9	8
9	8	6	1	7	5	4	3	2
7	3	2	4	9	8	5	6	1

MARKETS





Amer Elec Power AEP
$85.10 **+6.32 +8.0%**
▲ **4-wk.** +2.4% ▼ **YTD** -10.0%

Whirlpool WHR
$121.67 **+1.97 +1.6%**
▲ **4-wk.** +8.9% ▼ **YTD** -17.5%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	31.06	-.79	-2.5	▲	▲	▲
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	85.10	+3.66	+4.5	▲	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	170.27	327.85	318.25	+.14	...	▼	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1147.55	-16.87	-1.4	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	42.70	23.26	-.67	-2.8	▲	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	57.93	+1.96	+3.5	▲	▲	▼
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	47.09	+.36	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	39.55	-.38	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	153.16	-.20	-0.1	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	116.75	-4.78	-3.9	▼	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	97.64	+10.11	+11.6	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	77.93	45.04	-1.20	-2.6	▲	▼	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	20.13	-.84	-4.0	▲	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	35.19	-1.37	-3.7	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	10.56	5.85	-.18	-3.0	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	6.78	-.51	-7.0	▲	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	248.32	245.14	-2.22	-0.9	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	10.65	-.38	-3.4	▲	▼	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	9.10	-.42	-4.4	▲	▼	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	157.47	-1.74	-1.1	▲	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	124.53	-1.01	-0.8	▲	▼	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	99.86	-1.51	-1.5	▲	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	146.97	+2.08	+1.4	▲	▼	▲
Lowes	LOW	60.00	128.46	128.12	+.11	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.93	188.73	+1.01	+0.5	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	119.01	190.70	181.40	-.41	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	24.25	-1.68	-6.5	▲	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	55.03	-.27	-0.5	▲	▲	▲
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	44.56	38.18	+.77	+2.1	▲	▼	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	128.09	116.06	+2.17	+1.9	▲	▼	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	84.89	+.92	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	12.18	-.72	-5.6	▲	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	195.35	+3.73	+1.9	▲	▲	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	30.33	-1.27	-4.0	▲	▲	▲
Target	TGT	79.13	130.24	118.43	+1.02	+0.9	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	120.34	118.98	-.78	-0.7	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	125.31	99.72	+.10	+0.1	▲	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	55.72	+.58	+1.1	▲	▼	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	88.97	+3.07	+3.6	▲	▼	▲
WalMart	WMT	100.60	133.38	123.69	+1.21	+1.0	▼	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	41.83	-1.14	-2.7	▲	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	21.23	-.55	-2.5	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	121.67	-7.52	-5.8	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	29.79	-.89	-2.9	▲	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	78.55	-2.78	-3.4	▲	▲	▲

WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

Wayland Livestock sales as of Tuesday, May 26. Prices are per pound.

Choice steers & heifers ..... 99 cents-$1.10
High yielding choice & prime . 90 cents-94 cents
Utility cows ..... 57 cents-67 cents
Canner & cutter cows ..... 49 cents-60 cents
Bulls ..... up to 99 cents
Top bull calves .....75 cents-$1.45
Hay .....$1.20-$9.25 per bale
Straw ..... $3.70 per bale

For information, call 792-2296 or fax 792-8055.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

Noon-5:45 p.m. June 5, St. John's United Church of Christ, 601 Sycamore St., Niles.

Versiti Blood Center

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

1-6 p.m. Thursday, First Baptist Church, fellowship hall, 1635 76th St., South Haven.

OBITUARIES

Reinhard Erich Lippert

May 20, 1938 – May 15, 2020

Reinhard Erich Lippert, 81, of Benton Harbor passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020, at Caretel Inns, with his wife by his side. He celebrated his 82nd birthday on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in Heaven.

Due to the governor's extended Stay at Home order, a private family service will be held and a public service will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St., St. Joseph, or the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Turhill Dr., Suite 6, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Benton Harbor; daughter, Julie Lippert-Hoge; son-in-law, Michael Hoge; and two grandchildren, Rachel and Matthew Hoge. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Diana Loewen; sister-in-law, Marcia Ann Erb (and her husband Todd Erb); nephew, Ryan A. Erb (and his wife Melissa Erb); great-niece, Harper Ann Herb; and niece, Jenna Erb Grimm (and her husband John Grimm). He is also survived by many cousins locally and living in Germany and Austria.

He is preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Luke Hoge, who passed away in 1997; and siblings, Gerda, Gerhard, Horst and another sibling who passed away in Poland/Germany as a baby whose name and age is unknown.

Reinhard's family is encouraging individuals to share their photos on the funeral home website.

Sharika Dontae Scott

March 10, 1984 – May 12, 2020

Sharika Dontae Scott, 36, of Benton Harbor departed this life May 12, 2020.

A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Sharika was born March 10, 1984, in Benton Harbor, to her proud mother, Gloria Scott. Sharika accepted Christ at the tender age of 8. In 2010 she made the faith decision to re-dedicate her life to Christ and worked faithfully at Trinity Church of God In Christ. During her membership at Trinity she served as the drummer and worked in the culinary department of the church. Sharika loved music, cooking and she loved her children with all of her heart

Sharika leaves to cherish precious memories, her children: Trinity Jenkins, Makayla Jenkins, Danielle Powell and Michael Powell; mother, Gloria Ann Scott; father, James Daniels; stepfather, Larry Davis; sisters, Tonia Tucker, Quinds Daniels and Whitney Hendrix; brothers, Jamele Sims, Sir James Daniels and Emerald Daniels; a long-time friend and companion, Michael Powell Sr.; grandfather, Charles Govin; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Sharika was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Kay Frances Scott and Hiram Williams Sr.; paternal grandparents, George and Edna Mae McSwain; great-grandparents, Cornell (Mattie) Ewell; aunts, Roslyn Hines and Earline Scott; uncles, Robert Daniels and Hiram Scott; great-uncle, Hiram Williams (Uncle Buddy); and cousins, Anthony Williams and Christopher Williams.

Death notices

Michael A. Apple, 46, of St. Joseph died May 22, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Evelyn S. Bajo, 95, of Decatur died May 19, 2020, in Portage. Newell Chapel, Decatur, 423-2561.

Carlton Cunningham, 81, of South Bend, Ind., died May 23, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Katherine L. Myatt, 62, of Stevensville died May 28, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Sharika D. Scott, 36, of Benton Harbor died May 12, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Eldridge L. White Sr.

May 11, 1929 – May 26, 2020

The Rev. Eldridge Louis White Sr., 91, of Hartford, formerly of Covert passed away May 26, 2020.

A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrrothersfh.com.

Eldridge White was born on May 11, 1929, in Hughes, Ark., to Willie and Katie White. He accepted Christ at a young age was ordained April 28, 1974. The Rev. White pastored Mt. Olivet MBC and Mt. Calvary BC in Benton Harbor and St. Paul in South Haven. The Rev. White was a VIP Master Mason, demonstrating strength, character and spiritual outlook. He was active in the Civil Rights movement and marched with the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He founded and sang with quartet gospel group, Heavenly Wonders, and actively participated in school board meetings in Covert.

He is survived by his children: Gloria White, Cleorla White, Cynthia Rivera, Daniel White, Jeremiah (Kylie) White, Jason White, Sharene (Ernest) Veal, Marilyn White, Timothy (Gloria) White, Teaura White, Kevin White, Dawn White, Richard (Kathy) White, Michael (Gaby) White, Louise Johnston, Diane (Darnell) Pratt, Anthony Taylor., Thellis Atkins, Patricia Smith, Julius (Rodney) Turner, David Viverette and Alvin Viverette; and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many other family and friends.

The Rev. White is preceded in death by his wife, Ever-Jene White; parents; twin sister, Christian; sisters, Katie Bell, Betsie White and Matie White; brothers, Willie White and Lewis White; sons, Eldridge Jr., Robert, George, Christopher and Stephen White; and daughter, Barbara Carey.

Evelyn S. Bajo

Sept. 30, 1924 – May 19, 2020

Evelyn S. Bajo, 95, of Decatur passed away peacefully with family by her side on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, in Portage.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering has been scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan, www.hospiceswmi.org. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.newellchapel.com.

Evelyn was born Sept. 30, 1924, in East Chicago, Ind., to Walter and Antonette (Kwapicz) Wasowicz. In 1946, Evelyn graduated from St. Catherine Hospital's cadet nursing program, where her long love of caregiving began. A proud nurse, Evelyn worked until she was 87, spending the last 30 years of her career with the Intercare Health System. During her career, she was instrumental in founding the migrant healthcare program, even teaching herself Spanish, in order to care for field workers during the harvest months. There was nothing Evelyn enjoyed more than caring for people, especially her family. She also enjoyed camping and spending time with her family.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Marie (James) Scheetz, Jerome (Joanna) Bajo and Robert (Sharolyn) Bajo; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and eight nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Bajo; her siblings, Marion Winters and Irene Pernal; and her parents.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor — Boy, 5 pounds, 4 ounces, Latasha Armstead and Fred Glespie, 8:26 p.m. May 22.

Benton Harbor — Girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Ericka Taylor and D'Eara Rockette, 4:39 p.m. May 24.

Benton Harbor — Girl, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, Josheonna Wilson, 7:03 a.m. May 23.

St. Joseph — Girl, 8 pounds, 9 ounces, Andrea and Fabricio Ricci, 4:13 a.m. May 27.

Sawyer — Girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Emily and Jason Ehlert, 9:11 p.m. May 23.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Danae Racquel Church of Berrien Springs and Scot Alan Brunner of Mineral Bluff, Ga.

Katherine Ann Hubert of St. Croix, Ind., and James Thomas Trebing of Niles.

Cori Kay Walter of Sawyer and Jonathan Michael Cluster of Three Oaks.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories. If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

An article on A3 on May 20 about the St. Joseph City Commission mischaracterized the position of resident Merry Stover, who spoke in favor of allowing parking on Vine Street. Stover said she has a rental property, has no driveway, and would have no place else for herself or her tenants to park if the city bans parking on Vine Street between Elm and Park Streets, a right-of-way that is actually designated as an alley.

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold from mostly $26-27, Golden Delicious sold for $34, Fuji sold higher for $34-35, Pink Lady brought $38, Gala sold from mostly $35-36, and 72 size Honeycrisp of fine appearance offerings brought $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $21-22, Gala sold lower from mostly $22-23, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3 inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: Pyramid cartons/crates 28-pound bunched std size from Michigan sold from mostly $73-74, while Washington brought $68.50. 11-pound bunched standard size from Peru sold lower for $29.50, while large bunched from Michigan brought $32. Organic standard size offerings from Mexico sold steady from mostly $22-24.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Georgia sold from $16-17.50.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from Mexico sold higher for $26.50, with fine appearance $32-32.50 while 6-ounce cups with lids offerings sold lower from $16-18.50 and fine appearance brought mostly $23-24. Organic offerings from Mexico sold from $16-18. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium size from California sold slightly higher from mostly $13-14, with fine appearance offerings from $17-20, while organic offerings sold from $18-21.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold lower from $15-16, with organic offerings much higher for $32.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green and red medium from Georgia sold slightly higher from mostly $24-25.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold from $16-18, with fine appearance $22-23, and organic offerings sold higher for mostly $27-29.

CHERRIES: 16-pound cartons of eight film bags red sweet varieties from California of 10 1/2 row size sold from $50-52.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color from Florida sold higher for mostly $23-24, with yellow offerings $20.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold higher for $24.50, with selects higher for $18 and large $15-17, while carton 24s sold slightly higher from mostly $8-9. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico sold steady for $28-28.50.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of 24-count eggs from Mexico sold steady for $32, with organic offerings lower for $24.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold higher from $24-26, with organic offerings $21.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size Valencia juice oranges sold higher for $23.50-24, while 72 count California navels sold higher for $33.

PEACHES: 25-pound cartons loose various yellow flesh varieties 2 3/8 inch minimum from Alabama sold from $20-21.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Mexico green jumbos sold lower for $26, medium brought $24, with choppers steady from mostly $25-26. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for $20-22, while extra-large poblano sold for $22, extra-large serranos sold from mostly $39-41, and medium Hungarian wax sold higher for $36.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini sold lower for $16 with medium from Mexico mostly $13-14, while small-medium size yellow straightneck sold slightly higher from mostly $20-21, with medium size mostly $19-20. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of large size acorn sold higher from $18-19, while butternut medium sold from $16-18, and spaghetti small size brought $16-18.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold lower for $26, and cartons 2-layer offerings from Mexico of 4x5 size sold lower for $20. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Florida sold steady from mostly $10-11. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Florida sold for mostly $12-13. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold steady from $16-18, with large size $14-16.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Three Benton Harbor Area Schools employees were honored as outstanding educators of the year at a recent banquet at the high school.

Ruby Wilder, director of staff development for the district, was named Administrator of the Year. Laura Richburg, an English teacher at the high school, and Jennifer Greene, a teacher at Fairplain West Elementary school, were given Teacher of the Year accolades.

The outstanding educators were by district employees for significant teaching contributions, education innovations involving students, involvement in school-community activities beyond normal responsibilities, and sharing new information with fellow educators.

35 years ago – 1985

St. Joseph's baseball team appears to have caught fire at the right time.

Coach Jeff Nate's Bears humbled highly-touted Dowagiac 10-0 Friday in a pre-district Class B tournament game that lasted only five innings due to the 10-run rule. The Bears' victory was their seventh straight and 10th in their last 11 games. It sent the 4th rated, visiting Chiefs to the sidelines with a 25-5 record, the most wins in Dowagiac history.

50 years ago – 1970

Grand Rapid's WOOD TV and radio's annual Antique Auto Tour is scheduled to arrive in Benton Harbor on June 6. Over 130 antique vehicles and 450 participants are expected to spend the night here at the Statler Hilton and Howard Johnson motels, where the cars will be on public display. Two of the visitors will be "Sidney the Sea Serpent" and Wood TV's "Captain Woody," host of the popular children's program.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, May 29, the 150th day of 2020. There are 216 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 29, 1988, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened their historic summit in Moscow.

On this date:

In 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses.

In 1914, the Canadian ocean liner RMS Empress of Ireland sank in the St. Lawrence River in eastern Quebec after colliding with the Norwegian cargo ship SS Storstad; of the 1,477 people on board the Empress of Ireland, 1,012 died. (The Storstad sustained only minor damage.)

In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Massachusetts.

In 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1973, Tom Bradley was elected the first black mayor of Los Angeles, defeating incumbent Sam Yorty.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers
65°	53°	62° / 52°	60° / 55°	67° / 61°	73° / 65°

Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers, high temperature of 65°, humidity of 67%. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 53°. Northwest wind 6 to 9 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:13 a.m.
Sunset	9:13 p.m.
Moonrise	12:47 p.m.
Moonset	2:21 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
5/29	6/5	6/13	6/21

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	79°
Low	66°
Normal High	74°
Normal Low	52°
Record High	98° in 2018
Record Low	40° in 2008

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.28"
Month to date	6.37"
Normal for month	3.50"
Year to date	18.61"
Normal Year to date	12.68"

Air Quality

Yesterday	36
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

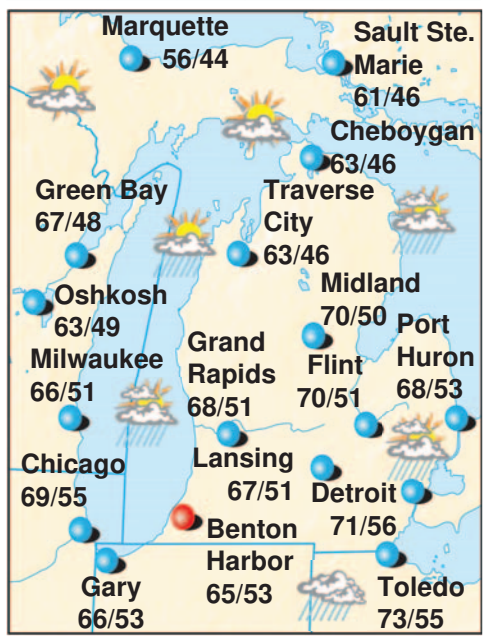
0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What parts of the world receive the most hail each year?

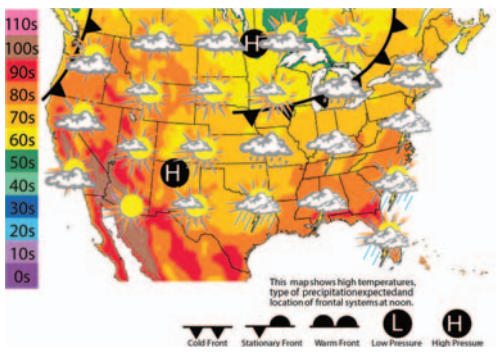
Answer: Northern India and Kenya, as a result of strong thunderstorms.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 29, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NW wind 8 to 11 kt. A chance of showers. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 66 degrees. Tonight, NNW wind around 9 kt. Mostly clear. Waves around 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with scattered showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. West wind 6 to 11 mph. Expect mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 40s and 50s. Northwest wind 9 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 60s. Northwest wind 5 to 8 mph.

Climate change and deforestation harm old-growth forests, study finds

By BOBBY MAGILL
Bloomberg News (TNS)

Forests globally are becoming younger and shorter because of deforestation and climate change, reducing biological diversity and stunting forests' ability to store atmospheric carbon, according to research published Thursday.

Rising global temperatures, clear-cutting, wildfire and climate change-driven insect infestations are leading to more trees dying and fewer trees growing old across the globe, according to the research in the journal Science. That creates an ecological imbalance that prevents the forests from storing carbon dioxide, the study found.

"Trees are adapted to live in the conditions they grew up in," said lead study author Nate McDowell. "The conditions they grew up in were historically relatively stable: Temperatures went up, but it came back down. And now it doesn't come down anymore."

McDowell, an earth scientist at the Energy Department's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, said old-growth forests are essential to a stable climate because they remove carbon dioxide from the air and store it in tree trunks, roots and soil.

But such forests – those older than 140 years – have declined by 30 percent globally since 1900, McDowell said.

About 13 percent of all forestland in the U.S. is 100 years old or older, according to a 2019 U.S. Forest Service report. Most of that land is in the West.

The study is being published as the Trump administration considers abandoning protections for the world's largest temperate old-growth rainforest – Alaska's Tongass National Forest. The Tongass, targeted for additional logging, holds 8 percent of the carbon stored in continental U.S. forests.

The study also found that trees are dying twice as fast now in Europe and the Americas than they were 40 years ago, in part because of rising temperatures. Global warming threats to forests are exacerbated by timber harvesting, McDowell said.

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How Do I Apply?

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